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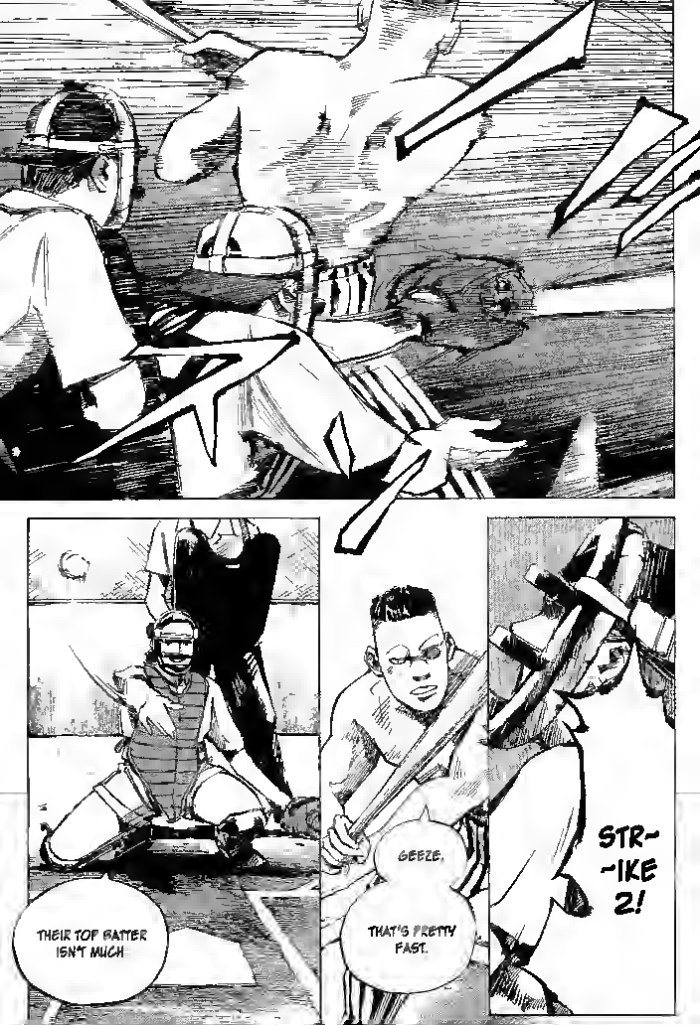
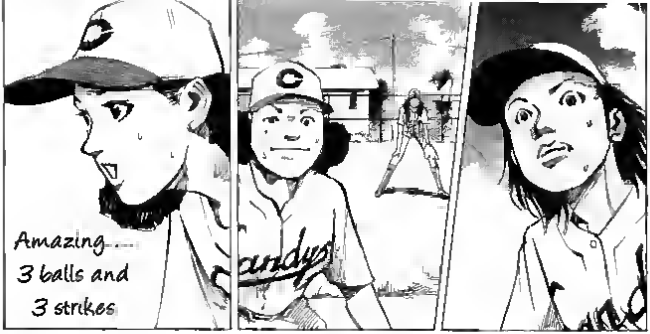

THEIR TOP BATTER ISN'T MUCH.
GEEZE, THAT'S PRETTY FAST.
STR-IKE 2!

YEAH
GAME 21
Fast Ball

BITCH...

STRIKE!
OUT!


Amazing.... 3 balls and 3 strikes

If she goes all out, she can throw faster than all those guys
Of course....

That'd be something....
But if she can do it for 9 innings....

How long will Lady Tome
Be able to fight on ?

STRIKE! OUT!
NEXT UP IS OUR BEST BATTER.....
WELL, THERE'S NO WAY THAT HE'LL MISS.
Wow... that's the second one in a row.
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?
SHE TOOK 2 OF US OUT WITH 6 BALLS.

BUT YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST ME.
HEY MISS.
YOU PITCH WELL.
I'LL GIVE AWAY 2 STRIKES
BUT YOU WON'T GET A THIRD

That's crazy he's holding the bat upside down

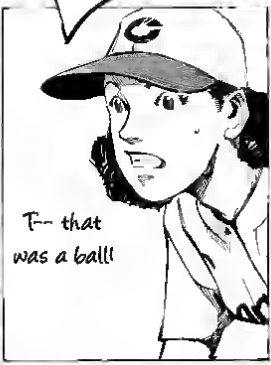
OKAY

GULP

TOME.... HE THINKS WE CAN'T PLAY.
BETTER TURN UP THE HEAT.

BALL!

That's the first time she's thrown one since turning pro....
Yes ...

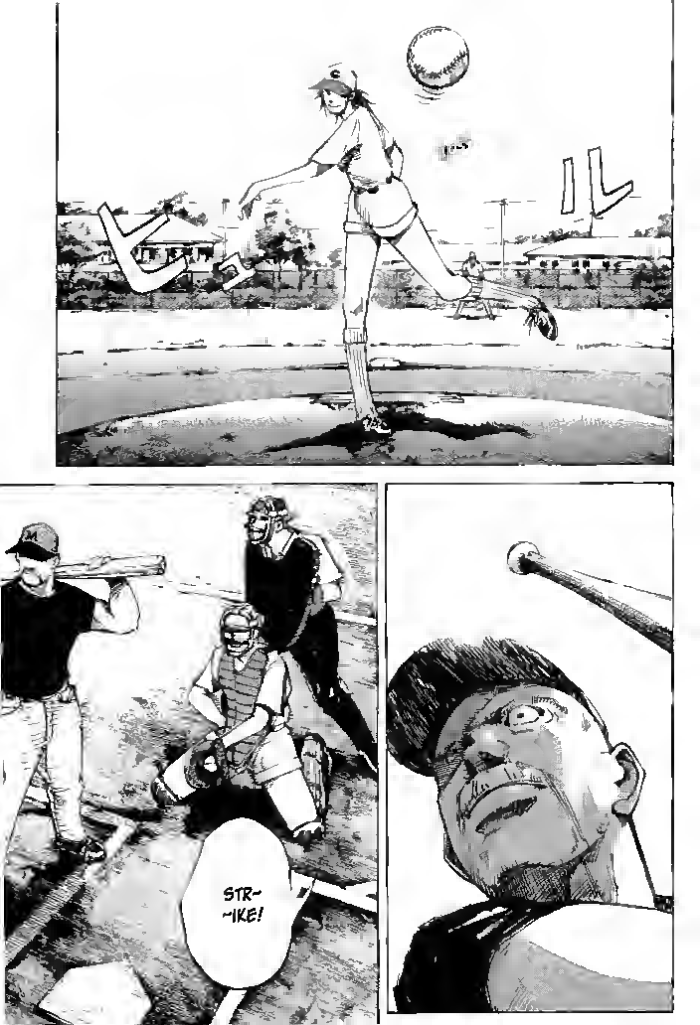

T-- that was a ball!

OH HO.....
SAYING HELLO?
SORRY. SHE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH SELF-CONTROL..
So....
what now?

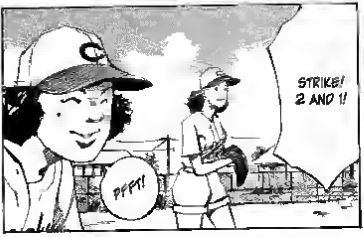
YES.
SO LET'S MAKE USE OF THEM.

HE SAID HE'D GIVE AWAY 2 STRIKES?

IT'LL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO STRIKE HIM OUT.

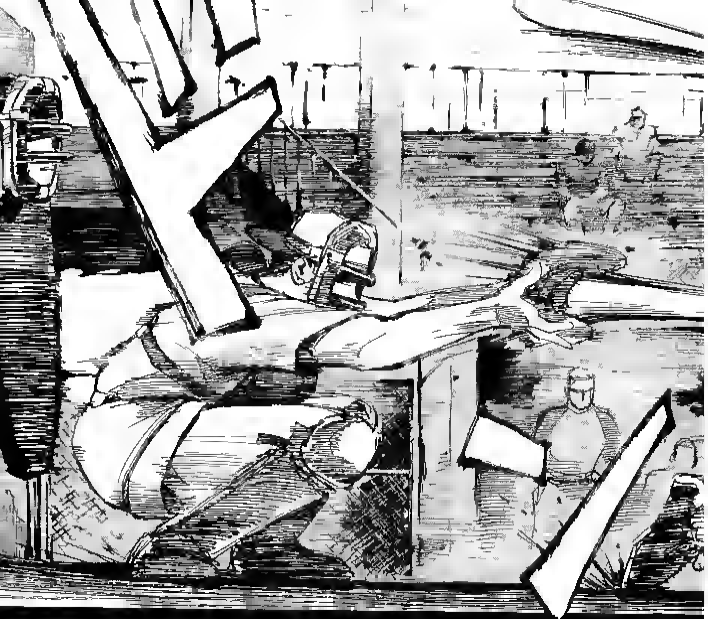

STR-
-IKE!

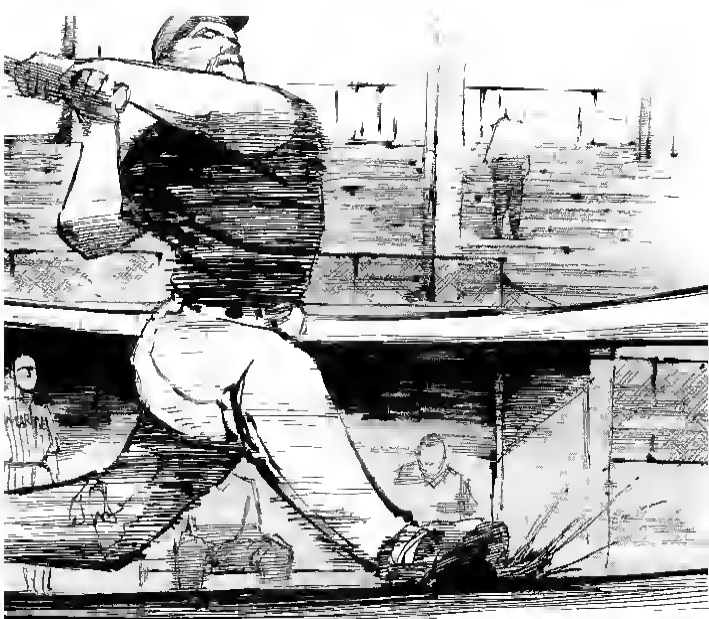
Candy
TOSS


STRIKE! 2 AND 1!
PFFT!

This will be interesting

GET READY, YOU BITCHES
I'LL KILL YOU.
TIME TO FINISH THIS.





Good!

NICE PITCH!

14
AMAZING! YOU STRUCK 3 OF THEM OUT!
WHAT A PERFECT WAY TO START...

GAME27 END

He's put on his spikes.....

SMILE

LARRY, THEIR PITCHER STRUCK 3 OF US OUT...
MARINE
REALLY..... I'LL SHOW HER.
GAME 22
Blockhead

PLAY BALL!
Bring it on!

H-- he's fast...
What was that.....
Candy

STRIKE 2!

After 18 years of batting, Ruth never expected to be struck out
While playing baseball with some Japanese girls
STRIKE! OUT!

What a nice Sunday afternoon
To a baseball flying
Into the blue sky

STRIKE!
OUT!

TOME HE PITCHES FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW
6
OH?
YOU MIGHT HAVE TO BUNT IT...

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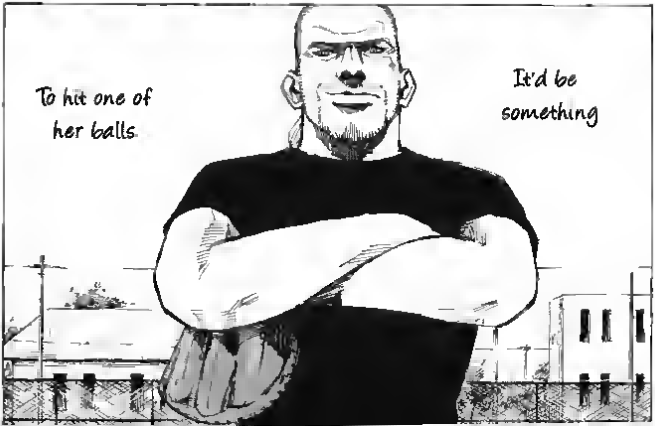
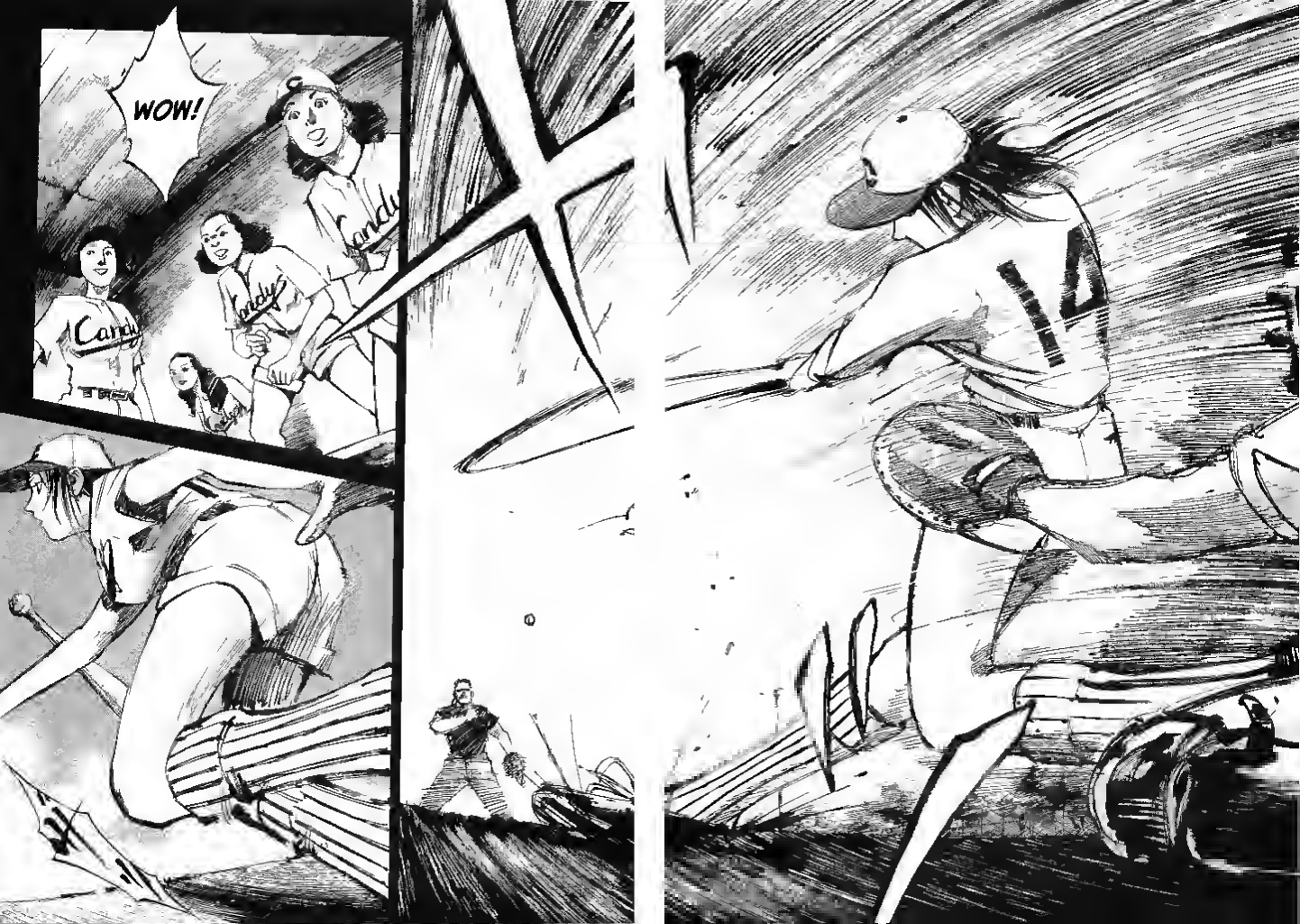

To hit one of her balls
It'd be something


WOW!
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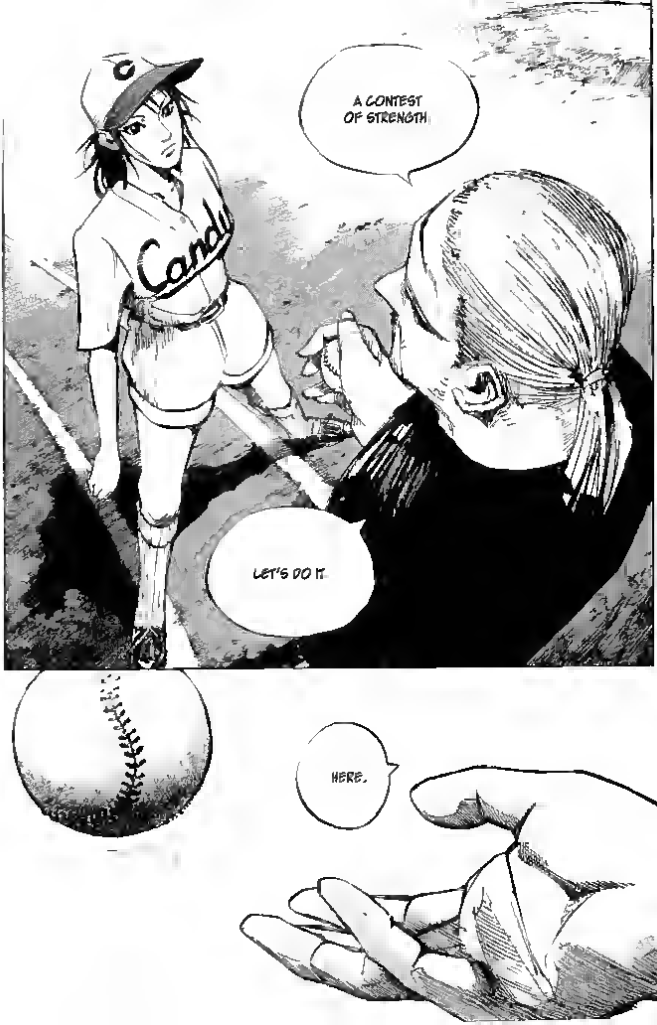
BEFORE I BECAME A MARINE, MY DREAM WAS TO SEND A BALL FLYING FURTHER THAN THE EYE COULD SEE.
OH-?

I'VE HIT 248 HOME RUNS.
BUT I'LL COUNT MY NEXT ONE EVEN THOUGH IT'S A GIRL PITCHING.


A CONTEST OF STRENGTH
LET'S DO IT.
HERE.

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DON'T MAKE FUN OF US,
LITTLE GIRL!
RASP

JAP.
THAT WAS REALLY PETTY.
SHUT UP,
BLOCKHEAD.

THWACK
All right!

GAME 22 END

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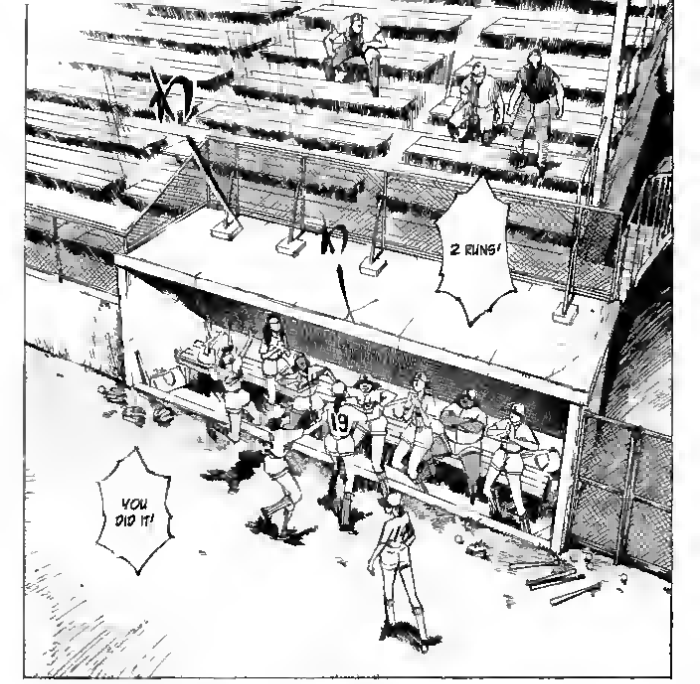
GAME 23
ZONE

THAT'S 2 POINTS.


2 RUNS!
YOU DID IT!

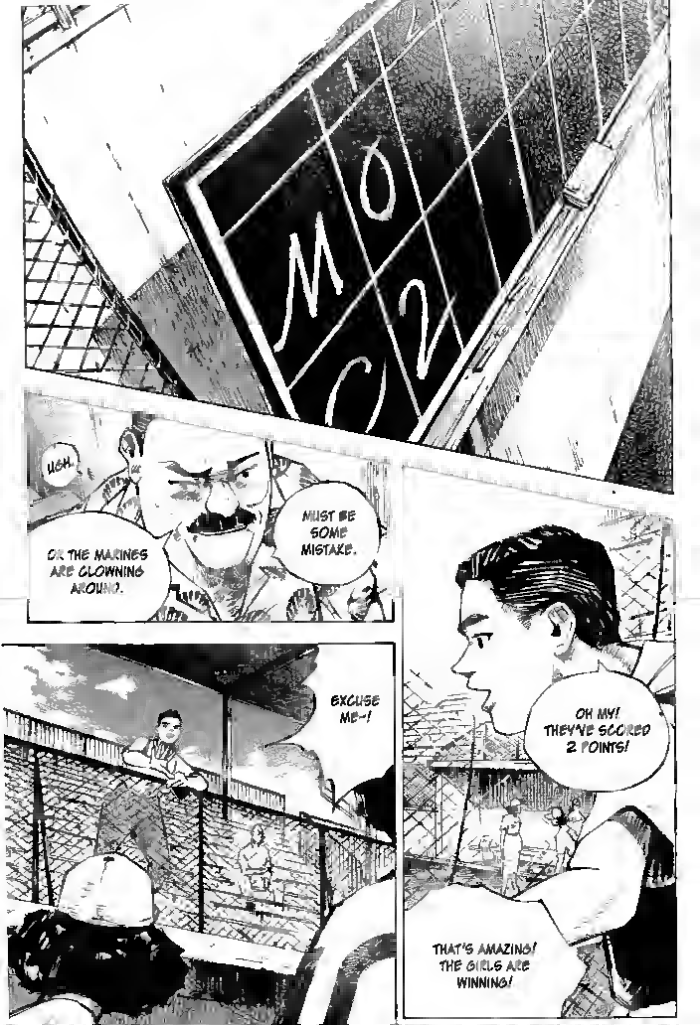
GEEZE, COULDN'T YOU HAVE COVERED THIS ALONE?

YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE THAT UP WITH THE EDITOR

WELL, THE DIFFERENCE IN SKILL COULD STILL BE INTERESTING

C'MON. THE MARINES WILL TRASH THE JAPANESE GIRLS— HOW'S THAT GONNA MAKE THE NEWS?
AND I'VE GOT A HANGOVER .....

MR. BILL.
THEY'VE ALREADY BEGUN.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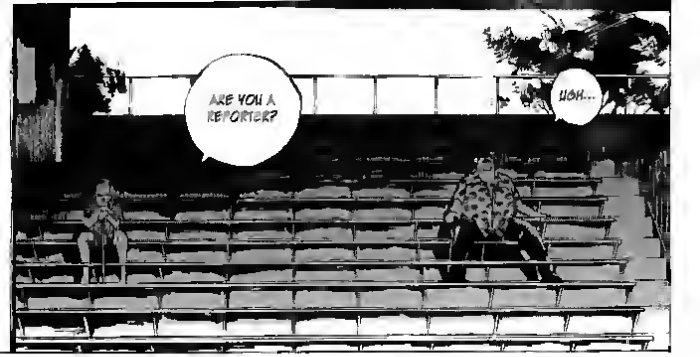
UGH.
MUST BE SOME MISTAKE.
OR THE MARINES ARE CLOWNING AROUND.
EXCUSE ME~!
OH MY! THEY'VE SCORED 2 POINTS!
THAT'S AMAZING! THE GIRLS ARE WINNING!

MY NAME IS MIKE TANAKA!
I'M A REPORTER FROM THE US ARMED FORCES NEWSPAPER!
HOW DID YOU SCORE THOSE 2 POINTS IN THE 1ST INNING?

WON'T IT MAKE A GREAT STORY?
HOW ABOUT A FEW PHOTOS?

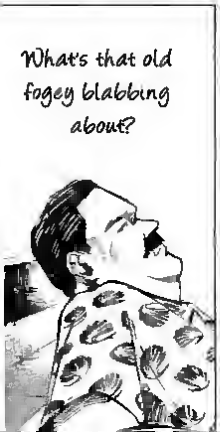
OUR #4 HIT AN AMAZING HOME RUN!

RUN?
A HOME RUN?
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!!


ARE YOU A REPORTER?
UOH...

I LOVE BASEBALL. I'VE SEEN MORE PITCHERS THAN THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY,

AH,
YES.....


What's that old fogey blabbing about?

BUT THAT HIM IS REALLY SOMETHING...

ALL RIGHT, TOME——?
YOU SAW THE HOME RUN COMPETITION THEY HAD BEFORE THE MATCH, RIGHT?
WATCH OUT FOR THEIR HU-

BUT IF IT LOOKS BAD, WE CAN JUST LET HIM WALK.
HE CAN TURN THE TABLES ON ANY SHOT, SO KEEP YOUR PITCHES LOW AND AWAY.
GOT IT?

LOOK AT THEM.
THEY'RE IN GOOD SPIRITS AFTER WE DREW FIRST BLOOD.

IF HE GETS IN A SHOT, THE ENTIRE TEAM WILL LOSE HEART.....

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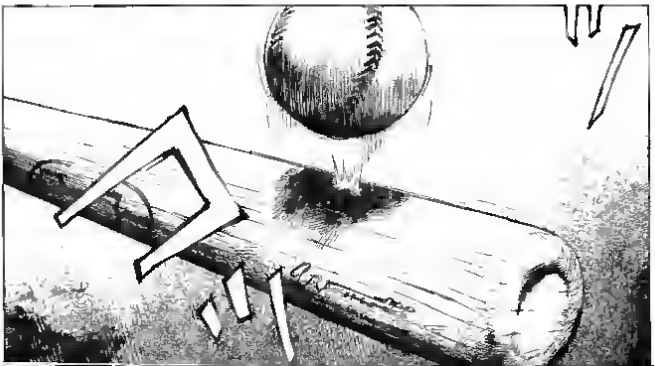
THEY'LL BE EVEN HAPPIER IF I STRIKE HIM OUT.
BUT IF YOU RISK IT, WE MIGHT LOSE EVERYTHING

IT'LL BE FINE, KUROSAWA.
THE SUN'S BLAZING AWAY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HUH?
LISTEN! I'M GONNA STRIKE THEIR #4 OUT!
YOU ALL CAN RELAX, CAUSE THE BALL WON'T BE COMING YOUR WAY!

YEAH!!
DO AS YOU WISH
AS LONG AS YOU PITCH

WITH EVERYTHING YOU HAVE.
O--KAY--



GRUNT
LOOK AT THAT!
THAT BATTER'S DOING A TRICK!
Oh.....

INCREDI-
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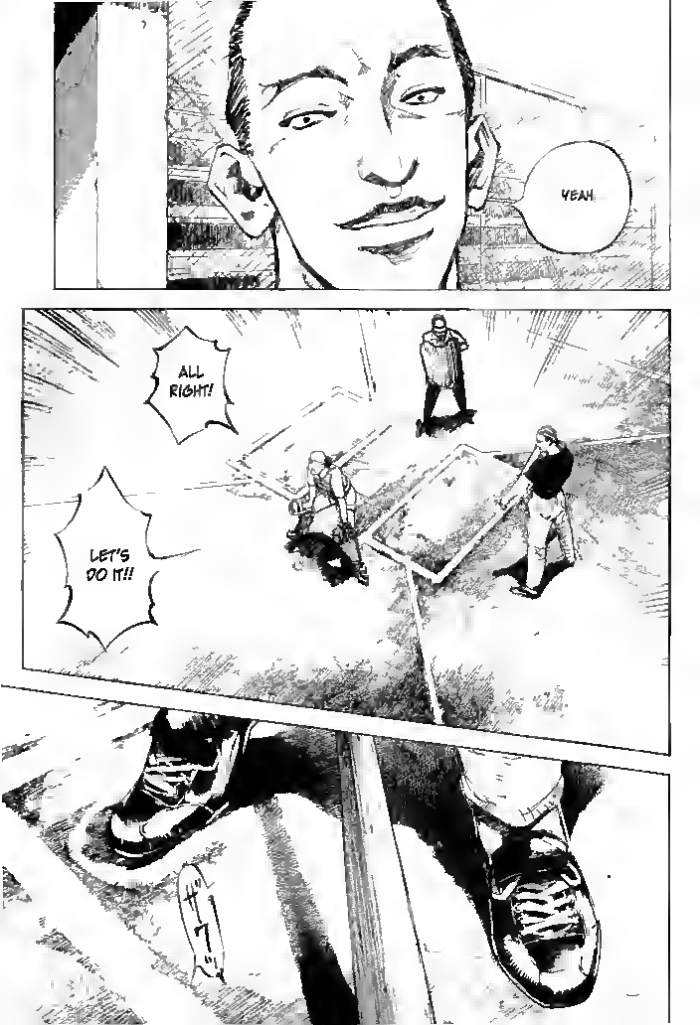
LARRY.
HMM?

DON'T LET THEM SCORE AGAIN.
I'LL MAKE UP THOSE 2 POINTS IN A FLASH.
MARINES


YEAH.
ALL RIGHT!
LET'S DO IT!!

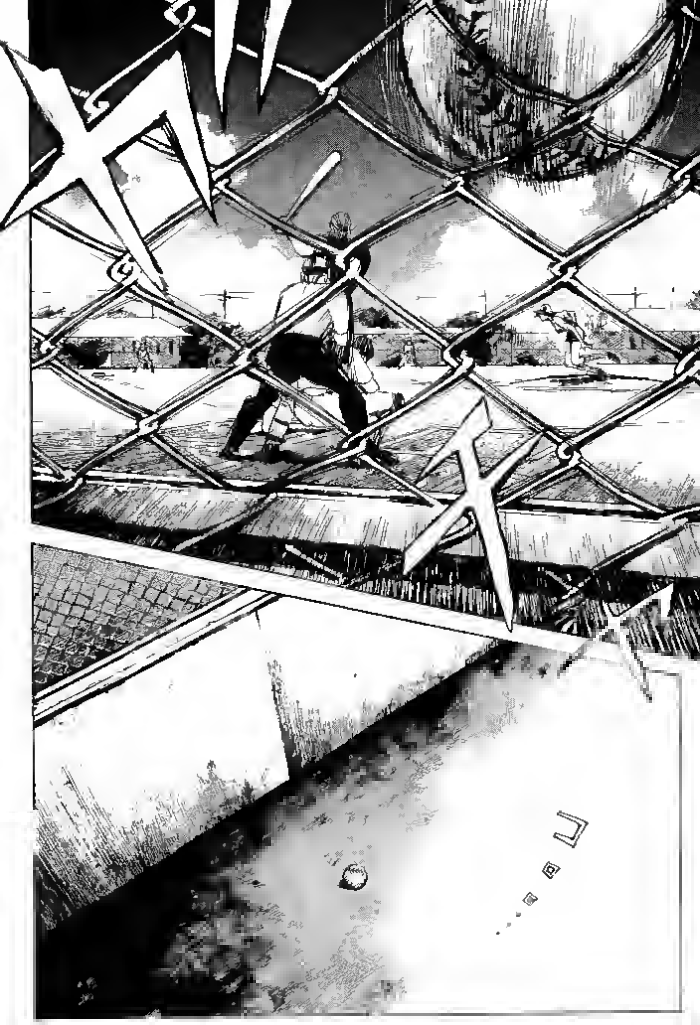
Candy
PLAY!

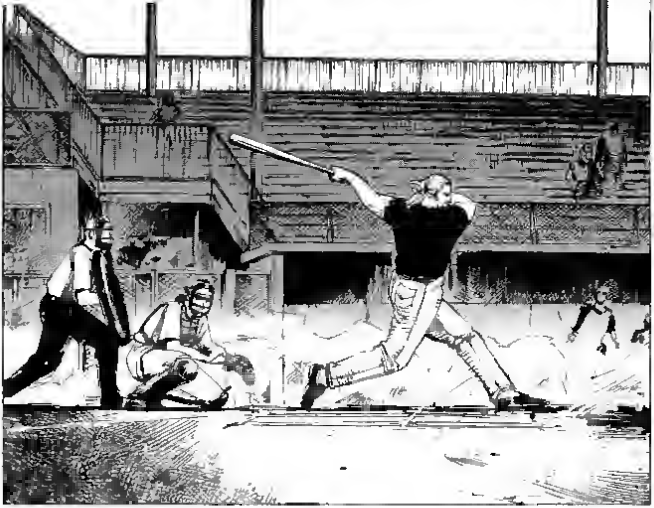
The home plate is my zone.
If anyone comes near it.....

GAME 23 END

GAME 24

BORN





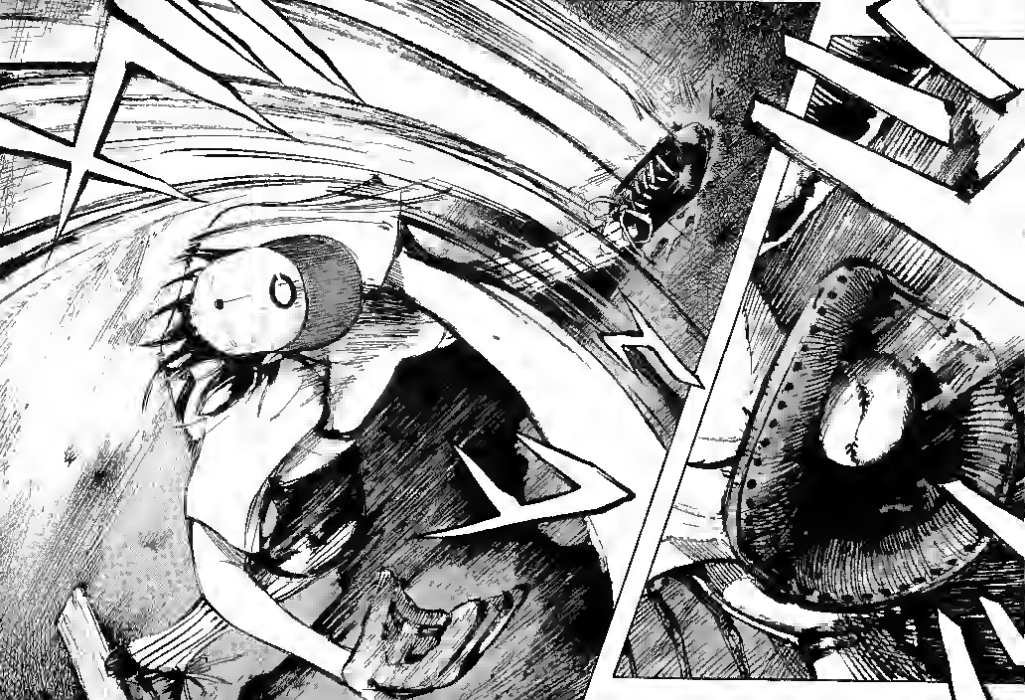
That was her best ever.
.....wow
So this is you pitching with everything you have---
Tome.....

COMING UP...

BALL!
1 AND 1!

WAKE UP, MR BILL!
THIS IS INCREDIBLE!
I'M WATCHING...
MY HANGOVER'S GONE...

Note: Old baseball rules required 9 balls for a walk, as opposed to 4 now



BALL!
1 AND 2!

TOME
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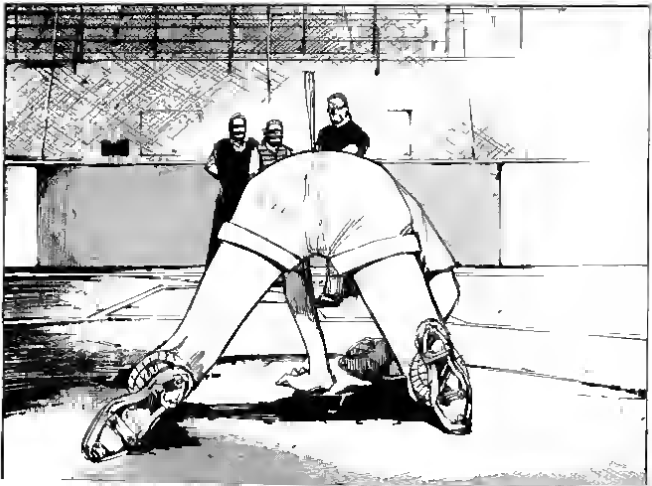

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You've done enough, Lady-Tome
4

You can't train up a baseball player like a poet, painter or singer

They're born that way.

OUR ACE IS TRYING HER HARDEST!
IF THE BALL HAPPENS TO FLY YOUR WAY, MAKE SURE YOU CATCH IT!!

COME ON!
TOME! KEEP IT UP!
YEAH!
TRUST US!
WE'RE YOUR DEFENSE!
ATTACK, TOME!
C'MON
I SAID THE BALL WOULDN'T GET PAST ME.
So #14 is the heart of the team....

RIGHT, BLOCK-HEAD?

NO.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAS HAD THE GREATEST IMPACT ON AMERICANS, ASIDE FROM RELIGION?
IT'S BASEBALL.
GAME24 END

BASEBALL...?
YOU SEE, I LIKE COMING TO WATCH PEOPLE ON THE BASEBALL FIELD PLAYING WITH THAT LITTLE BALL AS IF THEIR LIVES DEPENDED ON IT.
IT'S SOMETHING

SACRED.....
GAME 25
Pulse & Breath

Too low
That was

He gave it to us.
Thank goodness.
STRI-
-KE!

HANG ON A SEC!
?!
HEY UMP!
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT CALL?

OF COURSE!
GET SOME PHOTOS, DAMMIT! PHOTOS!!
HEY MIKE! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING!!
HUH?

UHH ..
AH
SHE CAUGHT IT OVER HERE
HOW COULD IT BE ANYTHING BUT A 'BALL'?

Interesting... he's all worked up about whether the ball passed on top of the base .....

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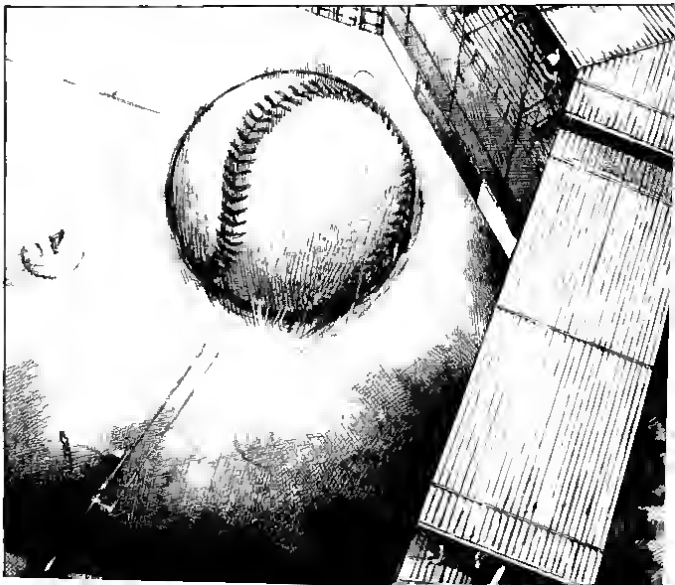
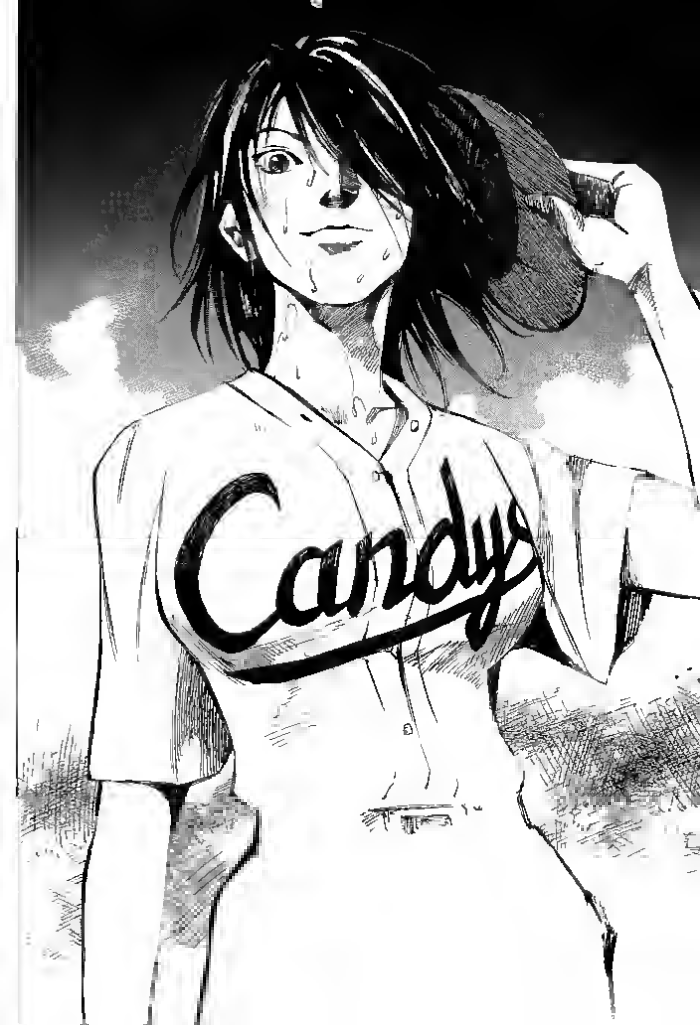


HEY UMP
.....
OKAY.....
LARRY. NOW IT'S A FOUL.
OKAY?

THE NEXT BALL'S BETWEEN THE PITCHER AND ME.
FORGET ABOUT THE BASE
AND DON'T MAKE ANY FUNNY CALLS.
SHE'LL PITCH WITH ALL HER STRENGTH, AND I'M GONNA SWING THE SAME WAY.

EITHER I STRIKE OUT,
OR I GET A HOME RUN.

1 LAST BALL.....
GOT IT..... #14?


Candy

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO FOR DEAD CENTER, TOME!!
IS THAT OKAY?
OKAY OR NOT, THIS ISN'T BASEBALL!

Go, Lady Tome! The gods of baseball are watching!
TEE HEE HEE HEE
YEAH!

You're an amazing pitcher
I've never seen anyone throw a ball like that before.
It seems to come alive, to breathe.

But
#14.....
There's
a pulse
running
through
my bat.

GO!

GAME 25 END

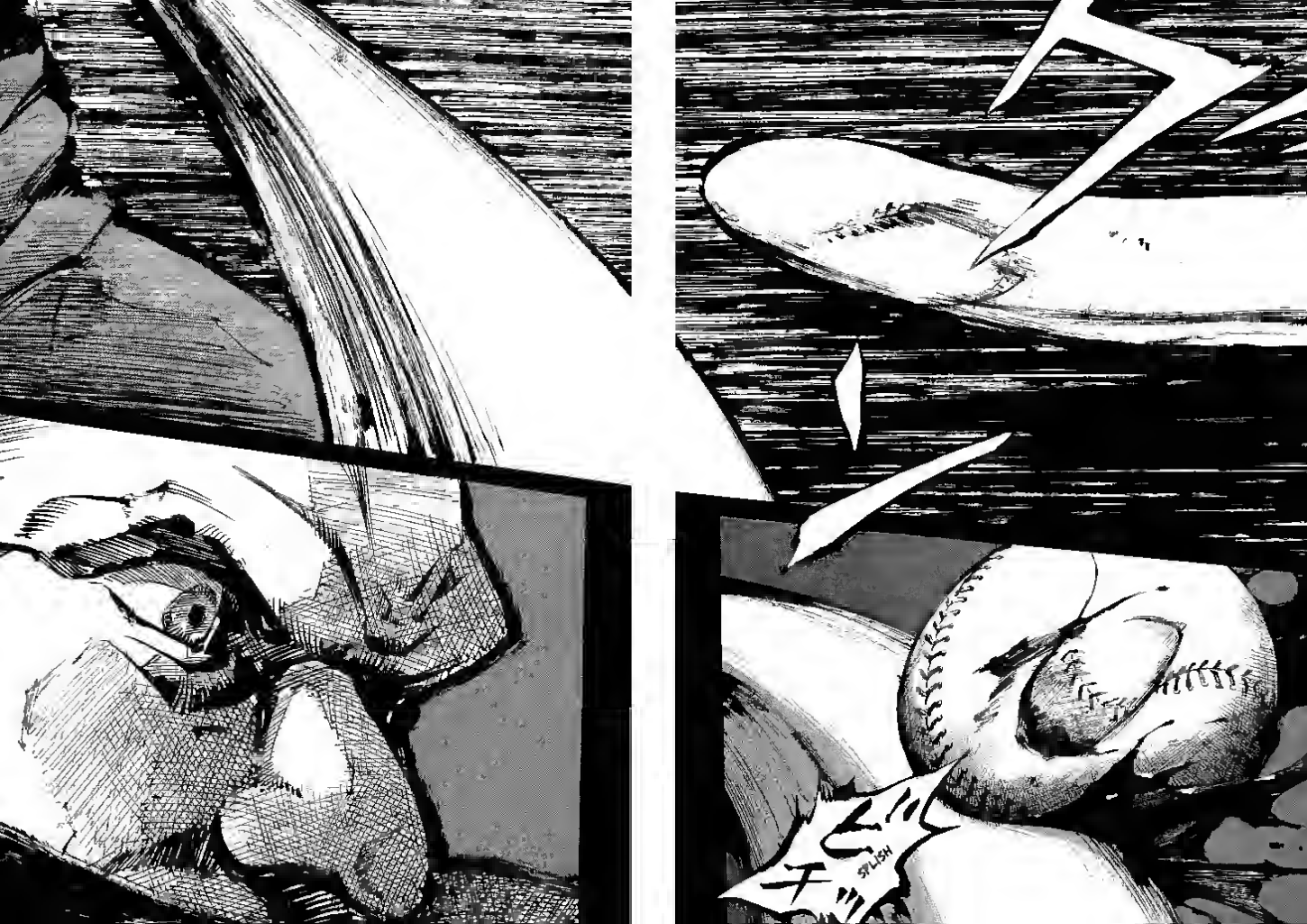
GAMF PR
Thank-You

It's flying
In a straight line

No, it moved!
If you're going to swing, then swing!

Tome's ball.....
Yes, that's perfect.

A little higher. Just a little higher.
Needs to go
Than the bat.....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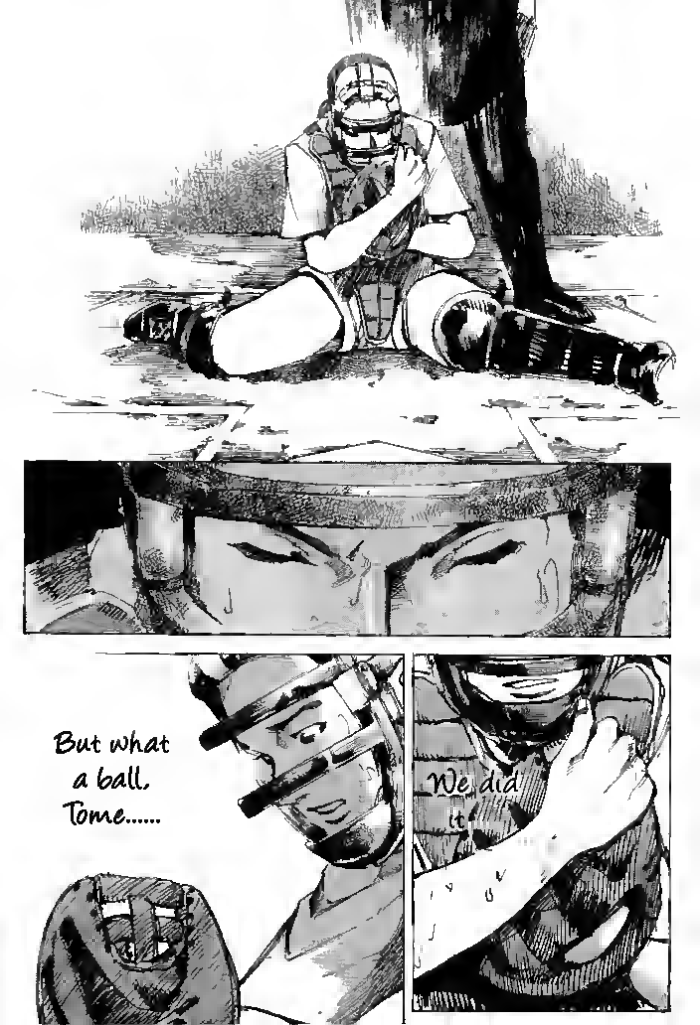
But what a ball, Tome.....
We did it

Like the ball's alive.
Blood .....

That was great.....

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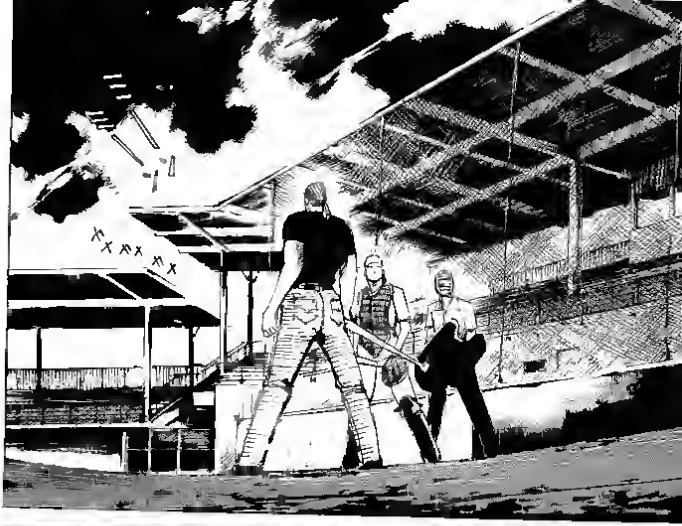
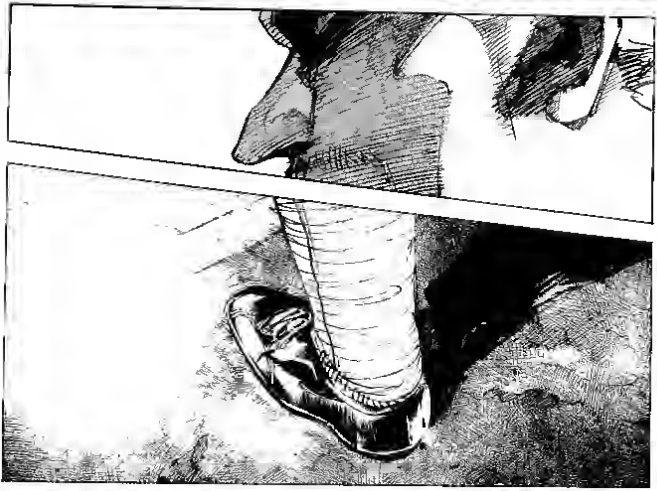
AND THAT'S
ONE OUT!
ONE OUT! ONE OUT!
YEAH!
Yes
NICE PITCH!
That was great, Lady Tome.





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HEY.

BASEBALL'S
PRETTY
INTERESTING.

She's right!
DWAHAHAHA!
Candys
THANK YOU!

YEAH.

GAME 26 END

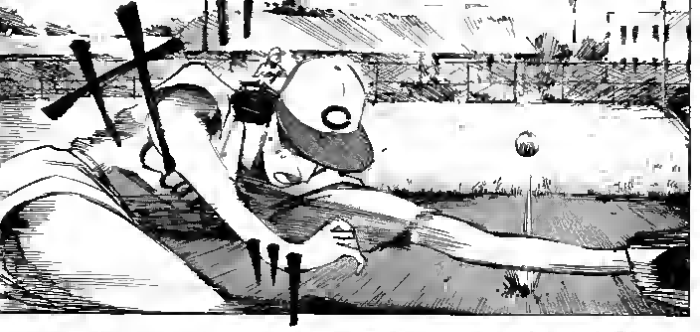
SHE'S SO CUTE--- LI'L CAN-CAN GIRL--- IN A RED BLOUSE AND SANDALS---
WAITIN' FOR SOMEONE--- ON A GINZA STREET CORNER---

WHA---!

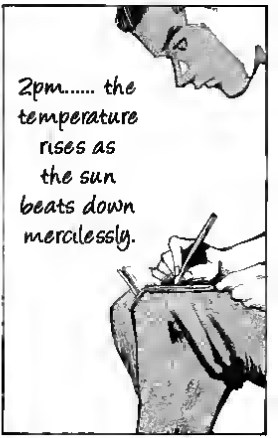
GAH!

WHO'S THAT GIRL?!
THAT'S CRAZY!!

GAME 27
An Honorable Defeat



Earlier the Japanese girls withstood the marines' fierce onslaught


2pm..... the temperature rises as the sun beats down mercilessly.

But now that their cornerstone, #14, has injured her finger...

M 0 0 14
C 20
It's over.
Perhaps it was inevitable.

But the strongest impression left on all of us after this match

The young lady who struck 4 marines out, one after another.
Is none other than Tome Kano.....

She'll become the first Japanese sports star since the war.

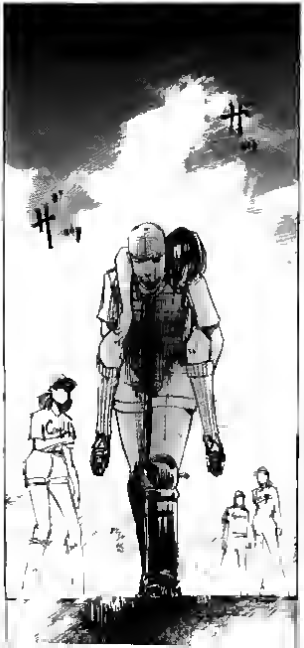
YEAH.

IT'LL MAKE A GREAT REPORT.

TOME... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

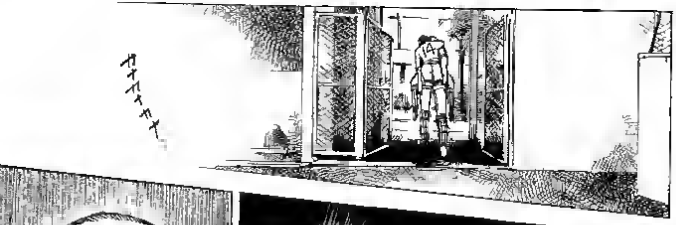
TOME

C'MON!
CARRY LADY TOME BACK TO THE HOUSE!



OKAY.

COME ON, TOME
LET'S GO HOME.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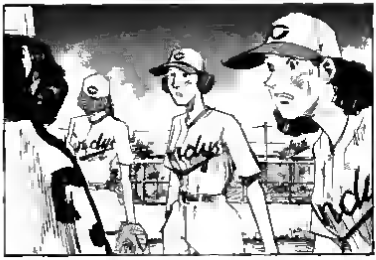
WE DON'T HAVE ANY SUBSTITUTES.
WE GIVE UP.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D STRIP FOR US ON THE MOUND?

OF COURSE
I'LL DO IT.

WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT DID HE SAY?

HUH?
WHAT!?



MAMA.

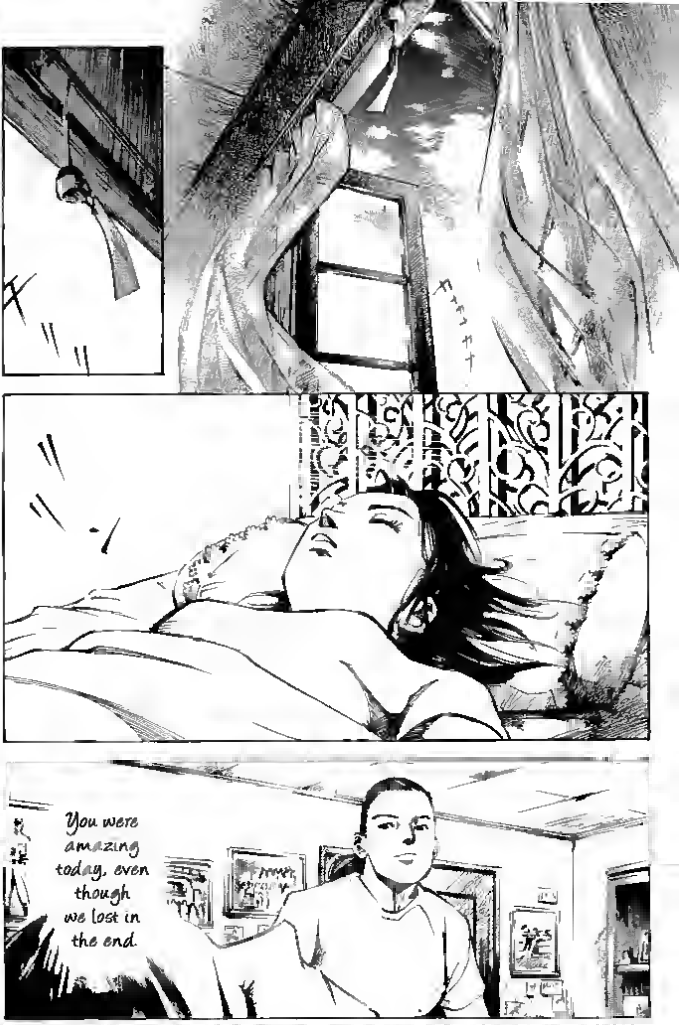
PLAYING IN THIS HEAT
WHAT A LAUGH

I KEEP MY WORD

STOP SCREWING AROUND.

YOU SHAMELESS MEN!
MAKING SUCH A BET WHEN PLAYING AGAINST GIRLS!
I WON'T LET MY COACH DO THIS!
IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOMEONE NAKED, I'LL GIVE YOU A REAL SHOW LATER!!
HUH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
MS YAMAMOTO!

C'MON, GIRLS.
Candy
FORGET THE YANKEES LET'S GO BACK.
WHAT'S WITH HER?
SHE GOT MAD ALL OF A SUDDEN.
I GUESS IT WORKS OUT
IN THIS HEAT,
I CAN'T WAIT TO TAKE A SHOWER AND POP A COLD ONE.


You were amazing today, even though we lost in the end.

The whole team thought we could win as long as you were there, Tome.
But maybe it's not just the team.
That this team is yours.....
You said it once.....
I've got a feeling that girls professional baseball itself was made for you.....

CAFETERIA
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'LL BE FINE BY MYSELF.

REALLY ?
YEAH.
BUT NOT AS PRETTY AS I AM
ME, PRETTY ?

DON'T BE SILLY!
I CAN'T LET A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU GO INTO THAT DEN OF MONSTERS ALONE!

!

WELL?
SATISFIED?

HAHAHA HAHA!
THAT'S HILARIOUS!

INCREDIBLE
I'VE NEVER SEEN NYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE
YEAH..... WHO IS SHE, ANYWAY?
The Iron-Armed Beauty Tome Kano
Strikes out 4 US marines
Despite getting injured
A BASEBALL PLAYER NAMED TOME KANO, I THINK.
I HEARD SHE PUT UP A GREAT FIGHT AGAINST THE AMERICANS
GAME27 END

We lost. And it's my fault.
GAME 28
Arrested
I've let everyone down.
DINNER'S READY.
ARE YOU AWAKE?
TOME.

AH.

BUT EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR YOU...
ALL RIGHT

PLEASE... DON'T COME IN NOW
SORRY TAMAKO

I look terrible
.. ...

IT'S OUR FANTASTIC LOSING PITCHER!
CONGRATS TOME! YOU GAVE THEM 14 POINTS!
I'M ALREADY DRUNK!

IT'S A PAR~~TY TO CELEBRATE THE CANDYS' FIRST TOTAL DEFEAT!
Huh ?

HEY TOME, TELL ME
AH~~ STOP IT ALREADY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK SHE IS?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE'RE JUST CELEBRATING OUR FIRST MATCH

FEEL THIS OVER HERE
C'MON!
STOP IT, I SAID~~

WHAT IS SHE ——?

A~~ ARE YOU
A MAN?

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GAH!!

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE LOOKS ON THE MARINES' FACES!
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OUR TEAM WOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS WITHOUT TOME.
THE PARTY'S A REAL SUCCESS.
I'M JUST GLAD EVERYONE'S HAVING A GOOD TIME.
YOU HAVE TO GO OUT.
AH.
COME WITH ME.
LADY TOME.....

THE POLICE ?!
YEAH.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT DID SHE DO?
DID YOU THINK WE COULD IGNORE THIS!?

GINZA, UENO, SHINJUKU.
A TOTAL OF 7 PLACES AROUND THE CITY.
AND THEN THE FLYERS THAT LOOKED LIKE NEWSPAPERS.
THIS KIND OF PUBLICITY IS RIDICULOUS!!
YOUR TEAM'S OWNER SAID THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BASEBALL TEAM HAD BEEN CONTRACTED OUT, SO WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO'S BEHIND THIS
WE WANT AN EXPLA-NATION!!

GHQ - General Headquarters (i.e. the American military administration that ruled Japan after World War II)

HAHAHA
THAT'S EXACTLY THE POINT OF DOING IT.
R--
AM I WRONG ?
YOU RUNNING DOGS FOR THE GHQ
ENOUGH, LADY TOME
WELL, WHATEVER.
BUT THIS IS QUITE AN OFFENCE..... YOU'LL BE STAYING HERE UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHO'S BEHIND IT.
STAYING HERE..... ARE YOU ARRESTING HER?

MR. KISHI..... THERE'S SOME-THING.....
GEEZE .....
OF COURSE
WHAT !?
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?!
YES,
I CHECKED IT OUT THOR-OUGHLY.
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT
THAT GIRL HAD THAT KIND OF BACKING?

HEY.
YOU CAN GO.
I SAID YOU CAN GO.
HUH?
O..... KAY.
LET'S GO, COACH.
THE REST WILL BE WAITING.
YOU GUYS CAN'T SEEM TO MAKE UP YOUR MINDS.

HEY!
YOU'RE MS TOME KANO, RIGHT?
HERE SHE COMES!
OH!
THAT WAS YOU IN THAT POSTER, RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THE CITY'S IN AN UPROAR OVER IT! DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS?
OW, THAT HURTS

THE PEOPLE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU BEAT THE AMERICANS!!
HOW DID IT FEEL TO MAKE THEM LOSE?!
I HEARD THE POLICE WANT THEM REMOVED!!
I SAID THAT HURTS, DAMMIT AND STOP TOUCHING MY BREASTS!
WE DIDN'T BEAT THEM!
WE LOST!
BUT YOU WERE HURT!
WHA— WHAT DOES THAT GIRL THINK SHE'S DOING?

MY FILM
WHA—

YOU PEOPLE!
IS THAT HOW YOU INTERVIEW SOMEONE?!
GO AWAY!
I'M STARVING!

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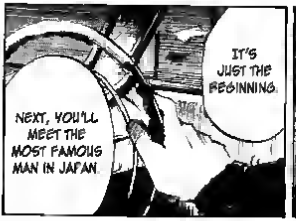
DAAAAAH!!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, YOU IDIOT!
I DIDN'T CATCH THAT. COULD YOU DO THAT ONE MORE TIME?
AH--AHH...
I'M LEAVING!
PLEASE! JUST ONE MORE TIME!
THE MORE NATURALLY SHE BEHAVES, THE DEEPER SHE GETS DRAWN IN— SHE'S GOT THE MAKINGS OF A STAR.
LOOKS LIKE THAT #14 IS THE REAL THING.

GET IN,
MADEMOI-SELLE.
Katsumi.
WAIT!
MS KANO!
ONE MOMENT PLEASE!


IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.
NEXT, YOU'LL MEET THE MOST FAMOUS MAN IN JAPAN.

THE FOSTER CAUSED A SENSATION.

HAHA. WHO IS IT?

I'M SICK OF THE IDIOTS OUT THERE
A MEETING ?

IF IT GOES WELL, YOU'LL KNOCK THE SOCKS OFF EVERYONE IN THIS COUNTRY.

A CERTAIN
SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED POWERS
NOTHING IN THIS WORLD IS IMPOSSIBLE
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
YOU'RE KIDDING!
WHA--
YOU'LL BE MEETING DOUGLAS MACARTHUR.
GAME 23 END

THAT'S CRAZY.
HOW COULD SHE BE MEETING MACARTHUR?

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART IS TO GET A PHOTO WITH HIM.

I DON'T MIND, BUT WHAT DO WE TALK ABOUT?

PUBLISH THAT, AND YOU'LL BE THE MOST FAMOUS WOMAN IN THIS COUNTRY.

GAME 29
Negotiations

IT COMPLETELY BLOWS THE MIND
BUT... HOW DID YOU MANAGE THIS?
ISN'T THAT THE POINT?
YEAH, IT IS

WHAT--?
SO THE POLICE ARRESTED YOU, BUT GHQ TOLD THEM TO RELEASE YOU?
YEAH.

HUH?
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AND I'LL BE MEETING THE GHQ BOSS NEXT WEEK.

WHO ——?
THE BOSS ——?
CAN I GET SECONDS ——?
HAHA HAHA HAHA!
REALLY?
ISN'T THAT IMPOS-SIBLE?
I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY,
BUT SHE MEANS DOUGLAS MACARTHUR.
THAT'S ——
IS IT TRUE, TOME?
3 DIFFERENT RACES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT A 'FRIENDLY DIALOGUE.'
GENERAL MACARTHUR, TOME AND MYSELF.
GIRLS PRO-FESSIONAL BASEBALL HAS BECOME A SYMBOL OF WOMEN'S LIBERATION IN JAPAN.

HEY TAMAKO.
SHOULD I WEAR MY UNIFORM OR A KIMONO?

"JAPAN DECLARES WAR!" I'LL TELL HIM.

AND MAYBE I'LL LAYER ON THE MAKEUP LIKE A PROSTITUTE.
I WISH I COULD WEAR AN ARMY UNIFORM AND CARRY IN A GUN.

STARE

HMM?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALL OF YOU?

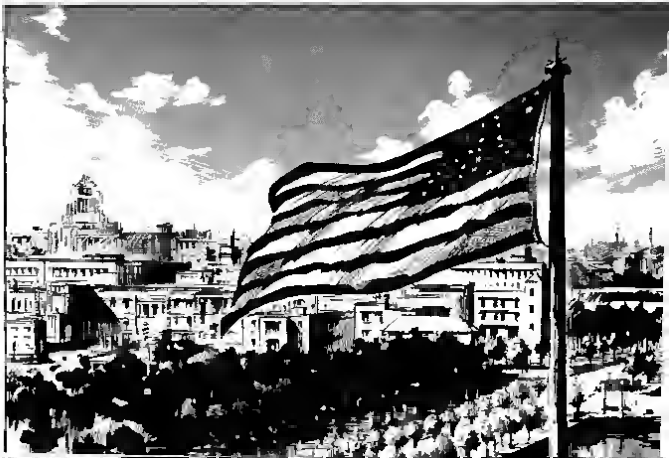
WE ALL SUFFERED DURING THE WAR.

TOMB. DO YOU REALIZE HOW OUT OF THIS WORLD MEETING GENERAL MACARTHUR IS?

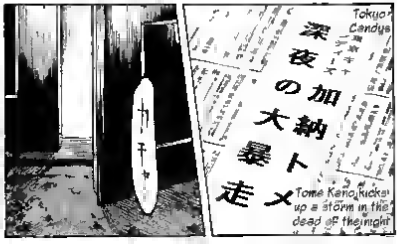
SHIQ TREATS US WELL NOW, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF JAPANESE THAT HE'D RATHER NOT HAVE AROUND.
AMERICANS ARE A BUNCH OF SHITHEADS.
IT'S NOT JUST THE AMERICANS. WE AREN'T ANY BETTER.
IT'S FINE. I UNDER-STAND.
AH..... SORRY CONNIE .....

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ALL TRYING TO SAY
I SUFFERED DURING THE WAR TOO
んあ
WHY DON'T WE GIVE OUR COMPLAINTS TO TOME SO SHE CAN TELL MACARTHUR?
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
BUT NOW GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL IS ON THE RISE.
AND TELL HIM THAT WE WON'T LOSE IF WE GO TO WAR AGAIN!
MY HOUSE BURNED DOWN — I WANT IT BACK!
ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING?

She's got nerves of steel, all right. Just thinking about it makes my legs tremble.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
I'LL TELL HIM EVERYTHING.



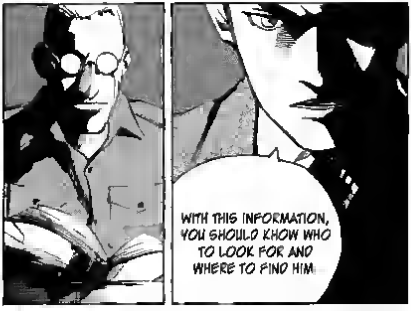
鉄腕麗人
警察でも快投
東京キャンディーズ
加納選手大暴れ
Iron-Armed Beauty
Pitches a Fast ball
at the police
Kano of the
Tokyo Candys
causes a ruckus


カチャ
Tokyo
Candys
深夜の加納トメ大暴走
Tome Kano ruckus
up a storm in the
dead of the night

THIS IS A LIST OF WHO'S WHO IN THE JAPANESE UNDERWORLD.

THE MEETING WITH THE GENERAL WILL BE AT 10AM TOMORROW.
BUT IT'LL ONLY LAST 5 MINUTES.

IT'S QUITE DETAILED ABOUT THEIR LINKS TO VARIOUS POLITICIANS AND THE GHQ.


WITH THIS INFORMATION, YOU SHOULD KNOW WHO TO LOOK FOR AND WHERE TO FIND HIM.

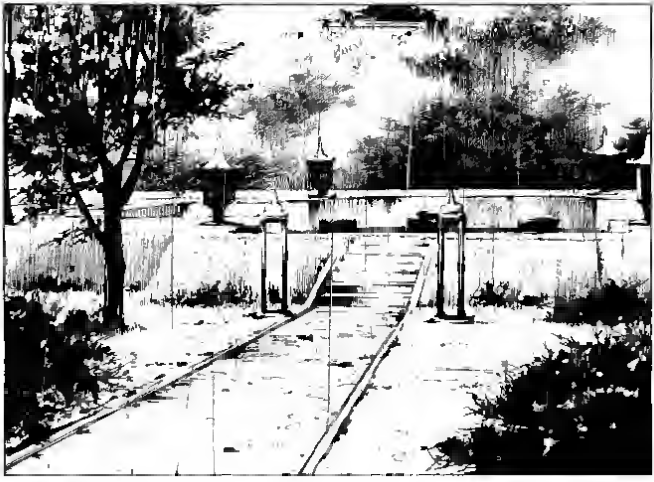
I'M NOT ASKING FOR A POSED SHOT. JUST A SHOT OF HER CALLING ON HIM.
IF YOU CAN'T EVEN ALLOW THAT, THEN RETURN THE LIST
NOT A CHANCE!!
WE CAN'T LET THE GENERAL BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH THE HOI POLLOI!
PHOTOS?
FOR THE PRICE OF JUST ONE PHOTOGRAPH, YOU'LL HAVE THE WHOLE OF THE JAPANESE UNDERWORLD IN YOUR HANDS.
OR WOULD YOU PREFER ME AS YOUR ENEMY?
YOU LOT SHOULD KNOW HOW VALUABLE THAT IS... .

MR RANZAKI.
OKAY
JUST ONE PHOTO.
SEE YOU TOMORROW.

THEY'LL KILL YOU FOR SELLING US THIS.

IF THE SUN STOPS SHINING, YOU WOULDN'T SEE THE MOON EITHER...
ARE YOU DOING IT FOR THIS GIRL?
I'M ALREADY A DEAD MAN
SO SHE'S THE SUN AND YOU'RE THE MOON.....?
IS THAT HOW YOU JAPANESE THINK?
WELL, YOU COULD SAY THAT.

YOP·X
TIME



THE FOCUS WILL BE TOME'S EYES.....
LOOKING STRAIGHT AT MACARTHUR
YOU'LL BE THE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHER IN THERE.
AND YOU'LL ONLY GET ONE CHANCE.
YES!!
Honestly, I'm really nervous.
It's that #14.
To me, the real star isn't General MacArthur.
But I'm overjoyed to be able to witness a historical moment like this.

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ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, TOME?

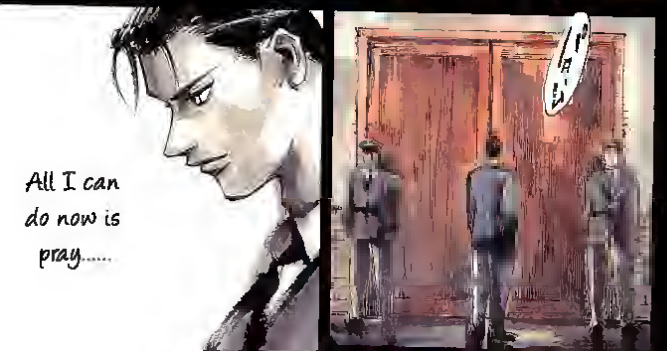
PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

COME... THE GENERAL WILL SEE YOU NOW

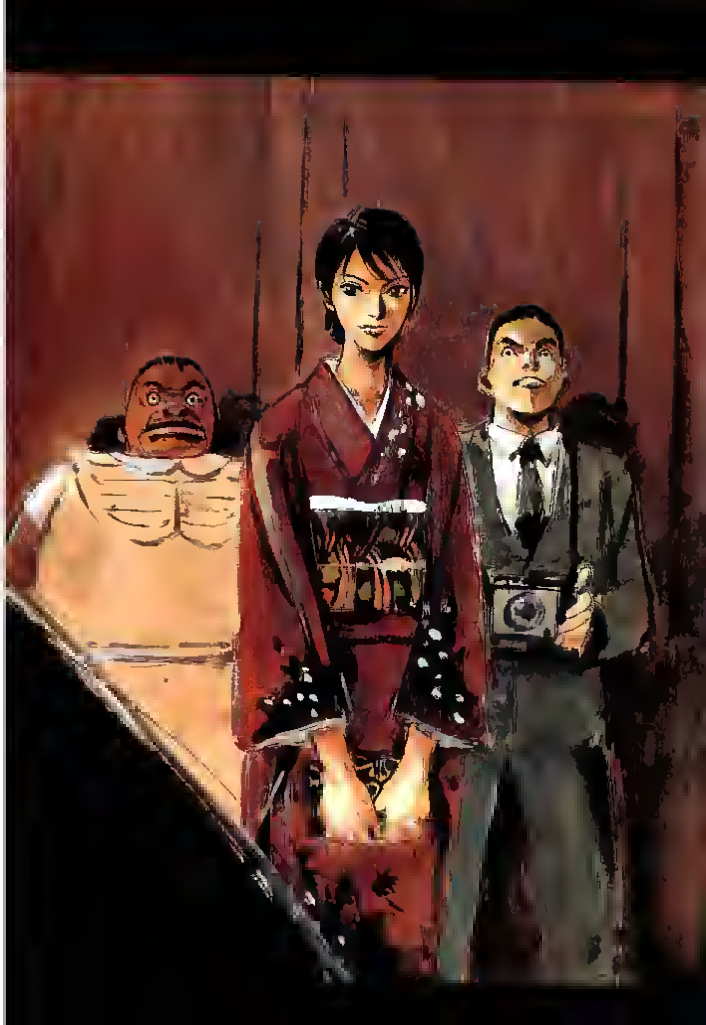
GAME 20 END

THE TWO LADIES AND THE PHOTOGRAPHER CAN COME IN.

GO GET THAT SHOT.


All I can do now is pray.....

GAME 30
Douglas MacArthur



HELLO.....
MY NAME IS
TOME KANO
So this is the Supreme Commander
he has an intensity about him
THE OTHER LADY IS MARTHA JACKSON
SHE'S THE TEAM'S COACH
I... I-- I--
I--
ONLY ONE PHOTOGRAPHER.
I GUESS HERE WILL BE FINE?

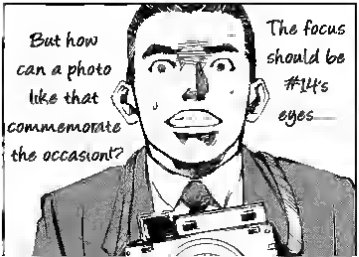
GENERAL.
I'VE DEVOTED MYSELF TO PLAYING AN AMAZING GAME WITH THIS LITTLE BALL
THEY SAY IT HAS TO BE PLAYED ON AN OPEN FIELD BATHED IN BY THE SUN

TO GO OUT WITH ME INTO THE SUNLIGHT?
SO WOULD YOU CONSIDER A HUMBLE REQUEST
SORRY, BUT IT'S RAINING
What is she talking about .....
NO,
I'VE MADE THE SUN COME OUT FOR YOU, GENERAL.

The sun's really out...
ARE YOU SAYING YOU MAKE THE SUN SHINE?

Heh. ...
Interesting
GENERAL... WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO...
YES.
MY APOLOGIES

YOU KNOW THE DEAL
ONLY ONE PHOTO


But how can a photo like that commemorate the occasion!?
The focus should be #114's eyes...

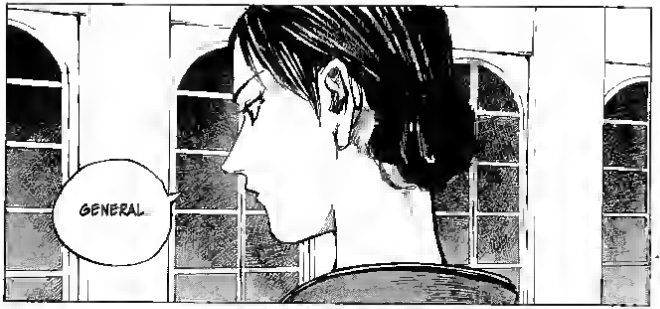
My body doesn't want to move.....
HURRY UP.
Oh no.... I don't know what to do
God!
Of all the times to be like this.....

AH.....
THAT'S ENOUGH TIME
YOU'RE DONE, RIGHT?
THE GENERAL IS BUSY, SO THAT'LL BE ALL FOR TODAY.....
IT'S FINISHED
Hmm..... he couldn't push the shutter release
What should I do? I didn't take the shot.....

IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SO THEY CALL JAPAN THE 'LAND OF THE RISING SUN'?

I LIKE THE EXPRESSION.

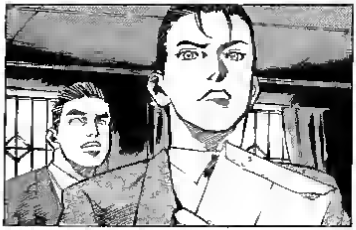

GENERAL.

THE SUN SHINES IN AMERICA TOO.
BUT EVEN THOUGH IT'S THE SAME SUN, ISN'T IT MORE BEAUTIFUL BACK HOME?

ARE YOU TELLING ME TO LEAVE?
Shit.....
Oh no..... it's over.
OF COURSE.
Enough..... just push!!

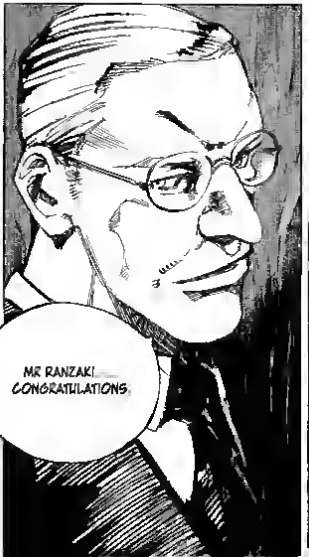
IT'S DONE

What have I done!? That was once in a lifetime...



JUST ONE PHOTO
THE NEGATIVE IS INSIDE TOO.

THE GENERAL WAS PLEASED TO FINALLY MEET A LADY WHO SPOKE HER MIND.


MR RANZAK! CONGRATULATIONS.

GIVE THE TWO LADIES MY REGARDS

WOW!
LOOK AT THAT!!

WELL DONE

IT'S AN AMAZING PICTURE
ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

THANK YOU!!!

MacArthur looked like he was about to laugh...

WAS IT OFF THE CUFF?
OR...

DID YOU KNOW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT?
YOU HORRIBLE CHILD

DID IT COME OUT WELL?
OH, KATSUMI!

BUT WASN'T IT FUN?

THE WINDS FAVOR OUR NEXT STEP!
BUT WHAT'S NEXT?
BUILD OUR OWN STADIUM AND WITHDRAW FROM THE GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE.
HUH?
TAKE A LOOK.
WITHDRAW ?!
WITH A PHOTO LIKE THIS, HOW CAN WE LOSE?
BUT WHY!?

END

THAT'S RIGHT..... IT'LL TAKE A MONTH TO BUILD.
YEAH.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE ALL THAT.

AND THE GIRLS ARE OKAY TO COME TO JAPAN, TOO.
KATSUMI

WELL, I SIMPLY FOLLOWED THE PLAN

I'M AFRAID HE'S ALREADY CHECKED OUT.

IS THERE A GUY NAMED RANZAK! STAYING HERE?

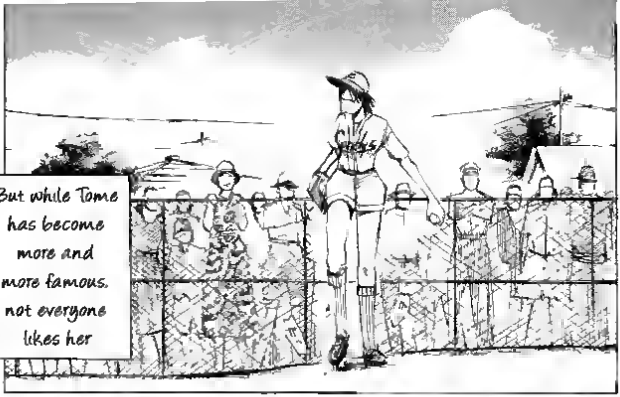
GAME 31
Sun & Moon

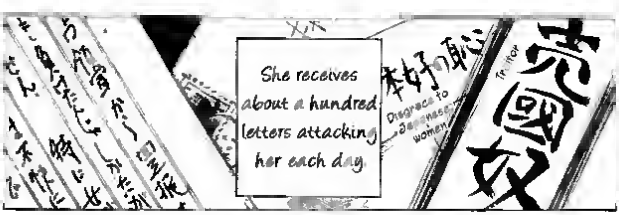
WE MISSED HIM

There have been a lot of changes for the Candys lately

Tome's photograph with General MacArthur caused a sensation.
Tome Kano Face to Face with General MacArthur
加納トメ
マッカーサー元帥と互角
鉄腕麗人
The Iron-Armed Beauty Shines
快挙
Baseball Surprise

And playing in the heat takes everything we have.
Now crowds come to watch our practice sessions every day.


But while Tome has become more and more famous, not everyone likes her


She receives about a hundred letters attacking her each day.
Disgrace to Japanese women
売国奴

...US marines? So you struck out... ...they also lost? Well, that couldn't... ...at all. Especially the... ...unpleasantly... ...so ...
We don't know what we've been practicing for
(Headline) Tokyo Candys
東京キャンディーズ
女子野球連盟脱退か……？
連盟の結束の乱れ心配…
広まる不安の声
And the rumors about us leaving the league have upset her.....
(Subheader 1) Leaving the Girls Baseball League.....?
(Subheader 2) So much for the contract...
the fleeting signs grow

HEY TAMAKO

I WONDER WHAT MR KATSUMI IS PLANNING.
I KNOW

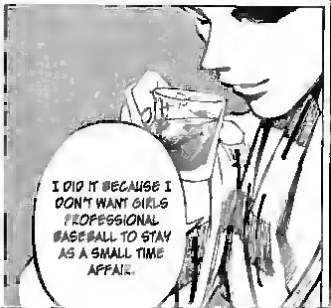
THERE'S NO POINT IN BUILDING A CANDYS STADIUM IN THE MIDDLE OF TOKYO IF WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO PLAY AGAINST

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT HIM
WELL, YOU SEE...
HAVE YOU TRIED ASKING HIM?

OH, KATSUMI
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING? YOU JUST VANISHED.
MS KANO THERE'S A CALL FOR YOU
HEY TOME... I HAD TO MAKE MYSELF SCARCE. I'M HIDING OUT IN SHINBASHI.
SO WHAT NOW?
Had to make himself scarce...?
WE NEED TO TALK.
ALL RIGHT.

HMMPH. SO WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
THEY THINK YOU'RE MACARTHUR'S MISTRESS.
YOU'RE THE TALK OF THE TOWN.

SORRY, SORRY.
HAHA HAHA!

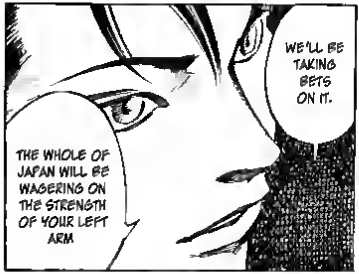

I DID IT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT GIRLS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TO STAY AS A SMALL TIME AFFAIR.

I HAD A LOT OF LITTLE DETAILS TO SEE TO.
HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO KEEP PLAYING WHEN YOU TAKE US OUT OF THE LEAGUE WITHOUT AN EXPLANATION?

HEY, TOME
DO YOU KNOW WHY EVERYONE'S PAYING ATTENTION TO YOU NOW?
ISN'T IT BECAUSE OF YOU, KATSUMI?
I JUST WANTED YOU TO PLAY AGAINST SOMEONE BETTER
EVEN IF THE LEAGUE GATHERED ALL THE GIRLS TEAMS IN THE COUNTRY,
THE LOW QUALITY OF THE GAMES WOULD DRIVE THE CROWDS AWAY.
NO.
IT'S BECAUSE OF AMERICA.
YOU FOUGHT THE US MARINES AND STOOD FACE TO FACE WITH MACARTHUR YOU VOICED THE ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENTS THAT EVEN THE PRIME MINISTER CAN'T TALK ABOUT

THE OPENING MATCH IN THE NEW STADIUM WILL BE AGAINST AN AMERICAN GIRLS TEAM 'A TOAST TO MACARTHUR.'
YOU'VE GOT AN OPPONENT

BUT I'M ALSO A BASEBALL PLAYER. I STILL NEED TO PLAY.

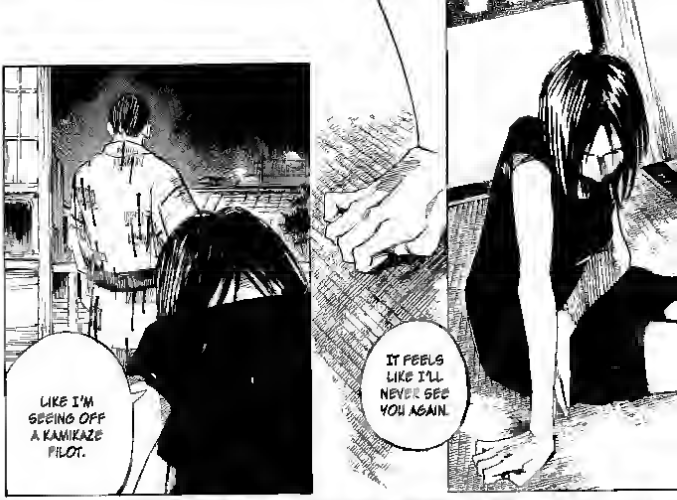

THE WHOLE OF JAPAN WILL BE WAGERING ON THE STRENGTH OF YOUR LEFT ARM
WE'LL BE TAKING BETS ON IT.

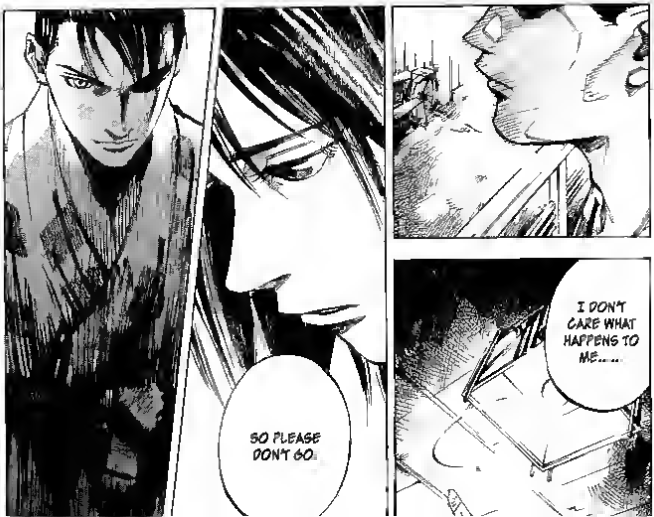
WHEN YOU WIN, THE PLAN TO MAKE YOU A STAR WILL HAVE SUCCEEDED.
AND.....

ALL RIGHT! A TOAST! A TOAST!
WE'RE GONNA DO THIS!!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT I'LL LOSE.
YEAH.
TOME
I'M DONE SETTING THE STAGE FOR YOU.
MY SISTER WILL TAKE OVER FROM HERE.
AH!
THAT HITS THE SPOT!

IT'LL ONLY PUT ALL OF YOU IN DANGER.
THERE CAN'T BE ANYTHING TO CONNECT ME TO THE CANDYS FROM NOW ON.
THIS IS GOODBYE.
WAIT A SEC.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HAVEN'T I SET IT UP FOR YOU?
WHAT NONSENSE IS THIS!?
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D MAKE ME SHINE LIKE THE SUN?!

IT'S THE FIRST TIME SINCE I RAN AWAY FROM THE WAR THAT I DID ANYTHING FOR SOMEONE OTHER THAN MYSELF.
I ENJOYED THE LAST FEW MONTHS HERE . .
AND IT'S GIVEN MY LIFE MEANING.
I DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS.....


LIKE I'M SEEING OFF A KAMIKAZE PILOT.
IT FEELS LIKE I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.


SO PLEASE DON'T GO.
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME.....

LISTEN, TOME
YOU'RE THE SUN EVERYONE'S SUN
YOU HAVE TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF THEIR DREAMS AND PUSH ON.
AND I'M THE MOON. AS LONG AS YOU BURN, I'LL FIND A WAY TO SHINE.

IT'S ALWAYS A FULL MOON.
AS LONG AS
ALL RIGHT.

SO COME BACK.

He was gone when I woke up.

But he wrote something before he left.

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